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Dear Commissioner Henney:

I agree with the FDA's choice to let food be irradiated. I think it will save many lives and so, I would like to express my approval. In the following paragraphs I will give you my reasons why I think irradiation's appropriate. Also, others agree with me, which brings me to my next point.

Other countries, 40 to be precise, have allowed irradiation. This makes me aware of the fact that scientists have not found evidence that irradiation will harm the foods we eat. Also I have learned that 75% of the public approves of irradiation, according to The Washington Times

One reason why the majority of the public approves of irradiation is because no person has ever been hurt by irradiation. As I learned from The Washington Times, "No consumer has ever been documented to suffer health effects from irradiated foods." Also, no worker has ever been killed on the job. This makes the public feel good because they know they are buying a safe product.

Also, the consumers feel good because what they are buying irradiated food, will last longer than foods that are not irradiated. Health and Fitness stated, "It can sit on the shelf for 8 years and all you'll have to do is heat it up." This is good because if you forget you have some food in the house and you find it in a couple of years, it will still be fresh.

For the reasons I have just shared with you, I strongly agree with the FDA's decision to allow foods to be irradiated. This is a good way to make America's food cleaner, and I am glad you approve of it.

Sincerely,



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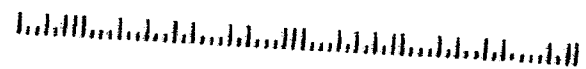
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